

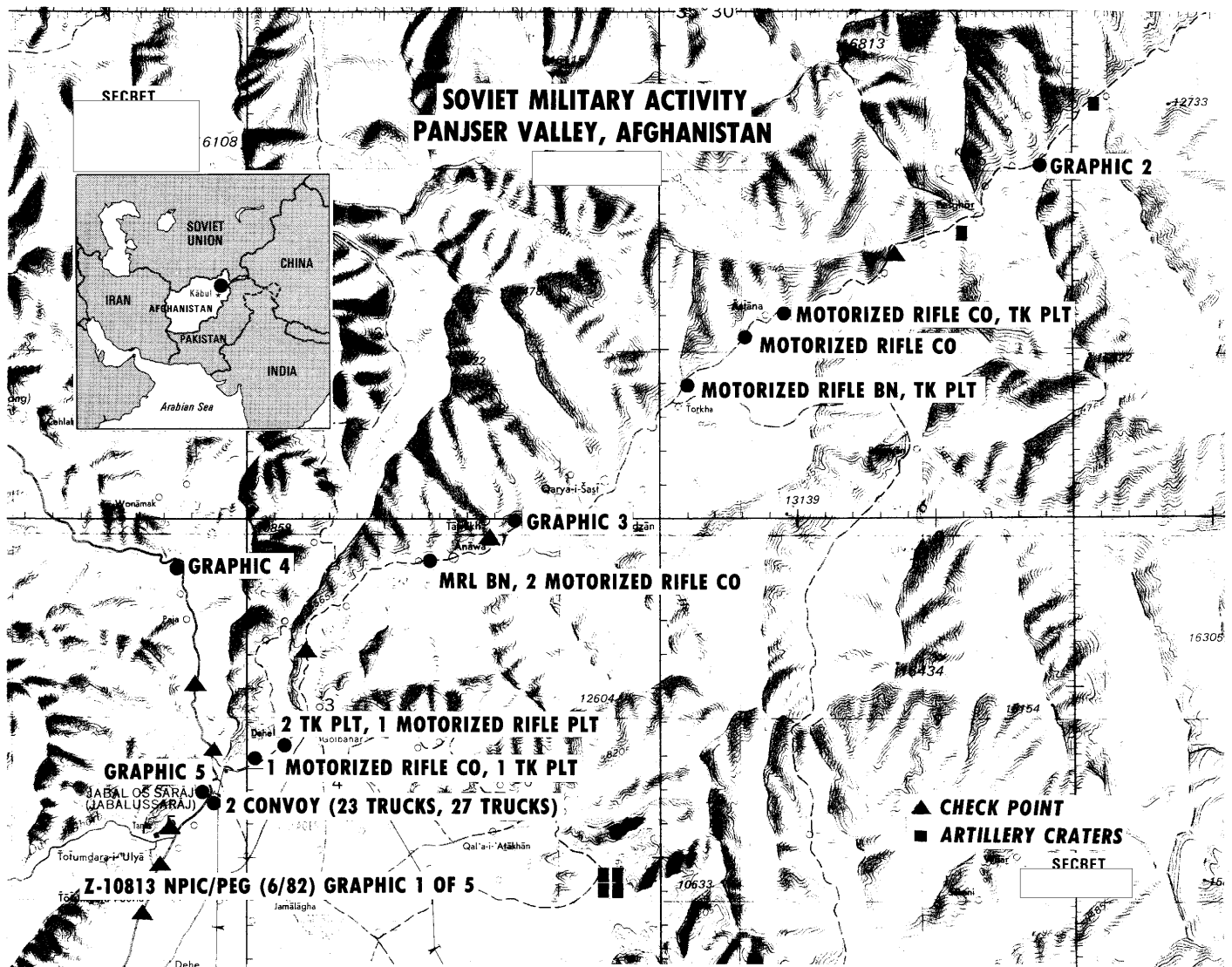
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**SOVIET MILITARY OPERATIONS
PANJSER VALLEY, AFGHANISTAN**

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: SOVIET COMBAT FORCES IN THE PANJSER VALLEY HAVE REPOSITIONED [REDACTED] THE NATURE OF THE REPOSITIONING INDICATES THEY MAY BE IN A WITHDRAWAL PHASE OF OPERATIONS.

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2. (S/D) REMARKS: TWO PROBABLE HIP C AND ELEMENTS OF AT LEAST ONE MOTORIZED RIFLE (MR) COMPANY (CO) ARE 30.5 NM INTO THE VALLEY IN THE VICINITY OF 35-25N 069-42E (GRAPHIC 2 OF 5). THESE ELEMENTS ARE AT THE SOVIETS FARTHEST PENETRATION INTO THE VALLEY, AND ARE PROBABLY A BLOCKING FORCE. ONE TANK COMPANY AND AT LEAST 80 TRUCKS HAVE DEPARTED THE AREA [REDACTED]

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(S/D) TWO CONCENTRATIONS OF COMBAT MANEUVER EQUIPMENT ARE DEPLOYED IN DEFENSIVE FORMATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF ASTANA, NEAR 35-21N 069-33E. THESE FORCES INCLUDE AT LEAST TWO MR CO, A TANK PLATOON, AND 16 CARGO TRUCKS.

(S/D) A LARGE DEFENSIVE FORMATION IS IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF THE TOWN OF TORKHA IN THE VICINITY OF 35-19N 069-31E. THE FORMATION CONSISTS OF ELEMENTS OF A MOTORIZED RIFLE BATTALION AND A TANK PLATOON.

(S/D) A LARGE PROBABLE BASE CAMP (GRAPHIC 3 OF 5) REMAINS NEAR THE TOWN OF TAWAKH IN THE VICINITY OF 35-15N 069-24E. AT LEAST TWO MR CO AND A TANK PLATOON ARE DEPLOYED IN A DEFENSIVE POSITION. A CONVOY CONSISTING OF ELEMENTS OF THREE MR CO, A TANK CO, AND 25 TRUCKS IS ON THE ROAD NEAR THE DEFENSIVE PERIMETER. ONE TANK WITH MINECLEARING EQUIPMENT IS IN FRONT OF THE LEAD ELEMENTS OF THE CONVOY. THE CONVOY IS HEADING SOUTHEAST AND MAY BE PREPARING TO DEPART THE VALLEY.

(S/D) A COMBAT UNIT CONSISTING OF A MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHER BATTALION, TWO MR CO, AND A PROBABLE COMMAND POST REMAINS IN A DEFENSIVE FORMATION IMMEDIATELY SOUTHEAST OF THE TOWN OF ANAWA, IN THE VICINITY OF 35-14N 069-22E.

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(S/D) TWO COMBAT MANEUVER UNITS ARE DEPLOYED IN DEFENSIVE FORMATIONS NEAR DAHE NAW, IN THE VICINITY OF 35-09N 069-16E. ONE UNIT CONSISTS OF ELEMENTS OF TWO TANK PLATOONS AND ONE MR PLATOON. THE OTHER UNIT CONSISTS OF ONE MR CO AND ONE TANK PLATOON.

(S/D) A CONVOY OF AT LEAST 100 VEHICLES (INCLUDING AN MR CO) IS HEADING TOWARD THE SALANG PASS IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION IN THE VICINITY OF 35-14N 069-13E (GRAPHIC 4 OF 5). THIS IS THE REGULAR CONVOY ROUTE FOR EQUIPMENT DEPARTING THE TERMEZ AREA.

(S/D) AT JABAL OS SARAJ ARMY CAMP SOVIET [REDACTED] FORCES REMAIN BASICALLY UNCHANGED [REDACTED] THE CAMP REMAINS IN A DEFENSIVE FORMATION WITH AN ARTILLERY BATTALION IN BATTERY (GRAPHIC 5 OF 5). TWO PROBABLE LOGISTICS CONVOYS ARE FORMED ON THE ROAD NEXT TO THE CAMP. ONE CONVOY, HEADING NORTH, CONSISTS OF 23 CARGO TRUCKS. THE OTHER CONVOY, HEADED SOUTH, CONSISTS OF 27 CARGO TRUCKS.

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(S/D) MOVEMENT CONTROL CHECK POINTS ARE SPACED ALONG THE ROADS HEADING INTO BOTH VALLEY AREAS. ALL CHECK POINTS ARE MANNED BY EITHER A MOTORIZED RIFLE PLATOON OR A TANK PLATOON. RECENT ARTILLERY CRATERS ARE IN THE VICINITY OF 35-27N 069-46E, 35-28N 069-41E, AND 35-04N 069-27E.

3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 35-06-18N 069-10-41E

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